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SMALL GRAINS – SEPTEMBER 2018

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production in Arizona, estimated at 7.58 million bushels, is down 30 percent from 2017, according to the September 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. All wheat yield was 102.4 bushels per acre, up 1.6 bushels per acre from a year ago.

Winter wheat producers seeded 20,000 acres for harvest in 2018, down from 25,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain decreased 14,000 acres from last year to 4,000 acres in 2018. Winter wheat production is estimated at 160,000 bushels, down from 1.80 million bushels last year and equal to the record low production set in 2005. Winter wheat yield, at 40.0 bushels per acre, is down 60.0 bushels per acre from last year.

Durum wheat seedings, at 71,000 acres, are down 19,000 acres from last year. Acreage harvested totaled 70,000 acres, down from 89,000 acres harvested last year. Durum wheat production is estimated at 7.42 million bushels, down 17 percent from last year. Durum wheat yield, at 106.0 bushels per acre, is up 5.0 bushels per acre from last year.

Arizona's **barley** seeded area, at 12,000 acres, is down 8,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 9,000 acres, is down 8,000 acres from 2017. Barley yield, at 100.0 bushels per acre is down 31.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2018 is estimated at 900,000 bushels, down 60 percent from the previous year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production totaled 1.88 billion bushels in 2018, up 8 percent from the revised 2017 total of 1.74 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 39.6 million acres, up 5 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 47.6 bushels per acre, up 1.3 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2017 by type were: winter wheat, 1.18 billion bushels, down 7 percent; other spring wheat, 623 million bushels, up 50 percent; and Durum wheat, 77.3 million bushels, up 41 percent.

Winter wheat production for 2018 totaled 1.18 billion bushels, down 7 percent from the 2017 total of 1.27 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 47.9 bushels per acre, was down 2.3 bushels from 2017. Area harvested for grain was estimated at a record low 24.7 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous year. Record high yields were estimated in Louisiana, Montana, and Nevada for 2018.

Durum wheat production for 2018 was estimated at 77.3 million bushels, up 41 percent from the revised 2017 total of 54.8 million bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 1.97 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 39.3 bushels per acre, up 13.3 bushels from the 2017 yield. Production in North Dakota, the largest Durum-producing State, was up 48 percent from 2017.

Barley production was estimated at 153 million bushels, up 8 percent from the 2017 total of 142 million bushels. Average yield per acre, at 77.4 bushels, was up 4.8 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.54 million acres in 2018, up 2 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 1.98 million acres, was up 1 percent from 2017.

For a full copy of the *Small Grains Summary* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.